

THE EDISON ELECTRIC LIGHT CO. OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.
909 Walnut Street.

NOTE EXTRACTS FROM WIRING RULES OF THIS CO. ON OTHER SIDE.

Telephone, No. 820.

P. O. Box 818.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26, 1894.

Subject:

Mr. O. S. Bosbyshell,
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

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Replying to your letter of 23d inst.

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We have Inspectors on duty and at your service every day and night, Sundays and Holidays.

WE WILL CONSIDER IT A SPECIAL FAVOR IF YOU WILL MAKE COMPLAINTS IN WRITING WHENEVER THE LIGHT IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

BY WHOM THE WIRING SHOULD BE DONE.

No guesswork is safe. All firms undertaking to wire buildings should employ foremen capable of intelligently computing the sizes of wire required for given number and distance of lamps. *Each foremen must be furnished with a book of rules of this Company.* Before an installation is turned over to the purchaser it should be inspected and approved by an authorized inspector of this Company; *but this Company will not assume any responsibility for defects which may develop or for variations from their rules, the responsibility for defects or loss remaining wholly with the firm doing the wiring.*

INSPECTION.

Should the wiring on inspection, appear to be defective, this Company will so report to the wiremen and to the person or persons for whom the wiring is done, and will not turn on the current until it receives a written acknowledgement of such notice and a release from all responsibility for accidents or defective lighting, if the defects are not immediately remedied.

REPORT.

All firms doing wiring for this Company will make detailed written reports for each house, on blanks furnished on application at this office, and this report will be verified by the inspector in detail before current is turned on.

APPLIANCES.

Samples of all the appliances required for electric lighting, insulators, porcelain cut-outs and safety-plugs, switches of various capacities, lamp sockets, brackets, electroliers, etc., will be kept on exhibition at the office, 909 Walnut Street, and orders will have immediate attention. *This Company owns and is the sole agents for all incandescent lamps within the limits of Philadelphia, manufactured by The General Electric Co.*

CUT-OUTS AND SAFETY PLUGS.

Incombustible cut-outs should be located wherever the size of the wire changes. See that the ends of the wire are perfectly clean and free from oxide. See that the set-screw grips firmly on the wire, so as to flatten it a little. See that the wire is not too small for this. The "cut-out" or fusible safety-plug melts and breaks the current and prevents overheating of wires when overloaded or short circuited. No cut-out should be a single pole.

SWITCHES.

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Individual circuits of every building wired will be tested for grounds and crosses with a magneto generator, capable of ringing through 20,000 ohms, before the current is put on. After thorough inspection by the Company's inspectors, they are authorized upon presentation of Certificate of Insurance Inspectors to turn on the current.

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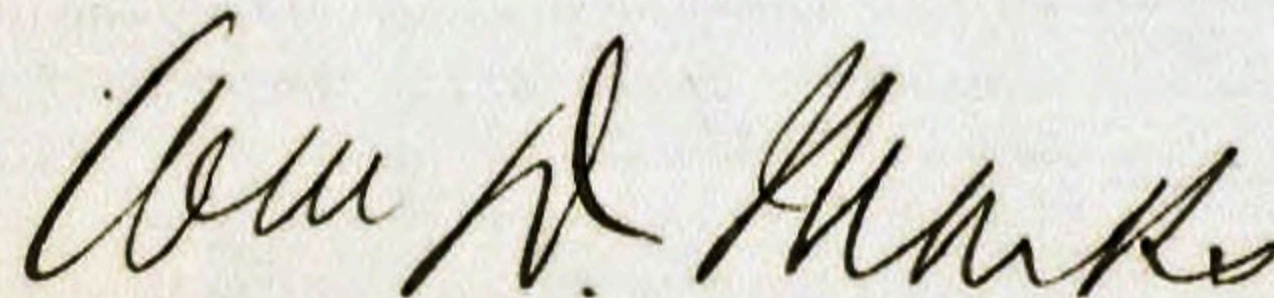
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On the other hand, it is not OUR desire to be captious in the matter of the bill, and if its approval entails upon you personally any embarrassment with the proper authorities we will accept in payment of January bill the same amount as paid by you for December; viz., \$653.71, making a discount in January bill of \$54.04, although we are sure of the correctness of the bill and that we are not in any way to blame for loss of current.

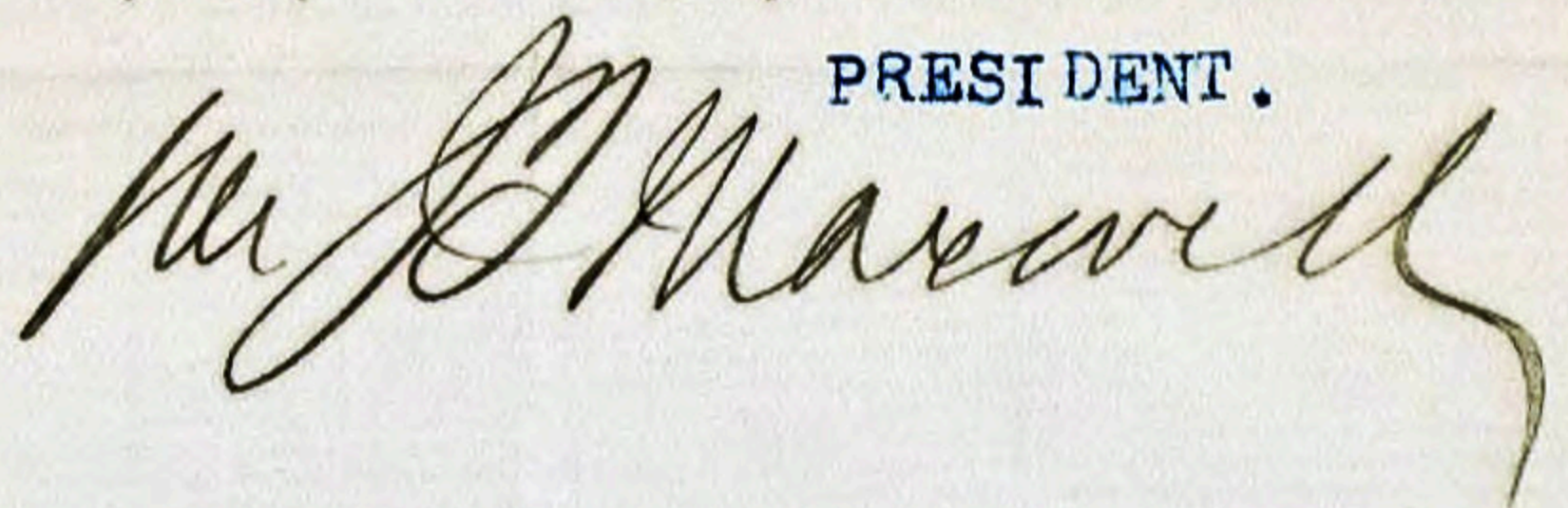
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By



PRESIDENT.



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Relative to responsibility
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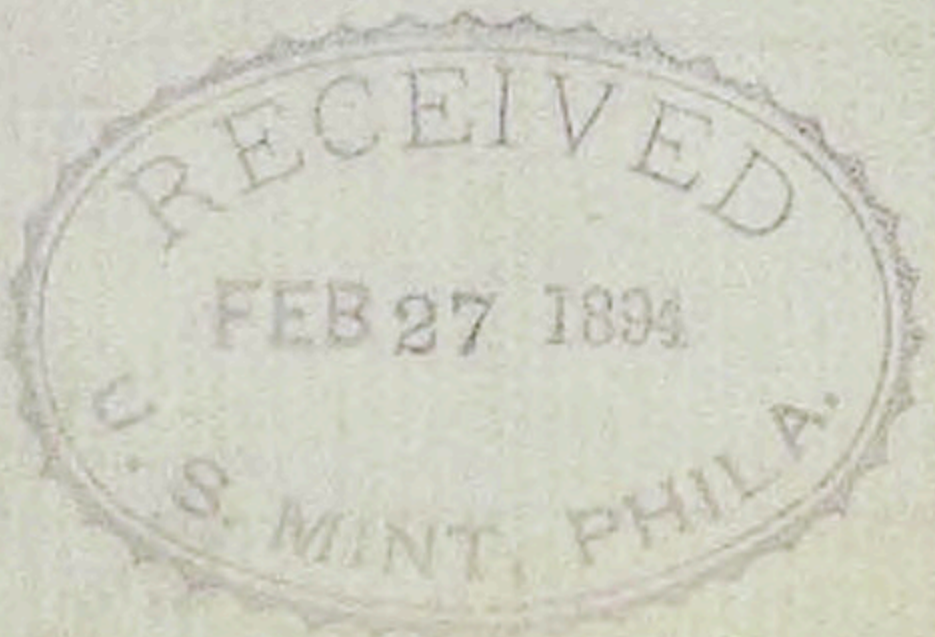
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[Abstract:] Relative to responsibility in matter of [illegible] & payment of bill for January.

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